

# Sutton Veny, Wiltshire

## War Graves

### World War 1



*Lest We Forget*



**SISTER**

**F. I. C. TYSON**

**AUST. ARMY NURSING SCE.**

**20TH APRIL, 1919    AGE 28**

*CWGC Headstone for Sister F. I. C. Tyson is located in  
Grave Plot # 85. L. 5. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

## Fanny Isobel Catherine TYSON

Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson was born at Hay, New South Wales (district of Balranald) in 1890 to parents John & Theresa A. Tyson (nee Kelly). Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson was one of ten children born to John & Theresa Tyson. Her nickname was "Topsy".

A death was registered in 1904 for Theresa Augusta Tyson, aged 40, at Brighton, Victoria.

Fanny Tyson had attended Bendigo Public Hospital between October, 1911 to 1914 for her training & she had certificates in Medical and Surgical Nursing.

The 1914 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Bendigo, subdivision of Sandhurst East, listed Fanny Isobel Cathleen Tyson, Nurse at Bendigo Hospital. Also listed was Theresa Adelaide Tyson, nurse, Bendigo Hospital.

Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson was a 25 year old, single, Nurse from Elsternwick, Victoria when she joined the First Australian General Hospital Special Reinforcements of the Australian Army Nursing Service on 17th June, 1915. Fanny's religion was Church of England & her next of kin was listed as her father – Mr J. Tyson of "Deturmilla" Blanche Street, Elsternwick, Victoria.

Staff Nurse Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Wandilla (A62)* on 17th June, 1915. Place & date of disembarkation not noted on Service Record file.

Staff Nurse Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson was admitted to 4th Auxiliary Hospital at Abbassia (Cairo, Egypt) on 11th November, 1915 with Mumps. She was still undergoing treatment on 12th December, 1915.

Staff Nurse Tyson proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 6th April, 1916.

Staff Nurse Tyson joined No. 6 General Hospital for duty on 13th April, 1916.

Staff Nurse Tyson reported to No. 1 Australian General Hospital at Rouen on 22nd April, 1916.

Staff Nurse Tyson proceeded on leave on 3rd February, 1917 & rejoined from leave on 22nd February, 1917.

Staff Nurse Tyson was detached to No. 10 Stationary Hospital at Rouen on 7th June, 1917 & reported for duty at St. Omer on 8th June, 1917.

Staff Nurse Tyson was posted to 2nd Casualty Clearing Station on 17th July, 1917.

Staff Nurse Tyson was posted to 2nd Australian General Hospital in the field on 4th January, 1918.

Staff Nurse Tyson reported for duty at D.D.M.S. (Deputy Director of Medical Services) Boulogne at Wimereux on 8th January, 1918.

Staff Nurse Tyson was on leave to Cannes on 11th January, 1918 and ceased to be attached to 2nd Australian General Hospital for duty.

Staff Nurse Tyson reported for duty, from leave, at 5th Stationary Hospital at Dieppe on 1st February, 1918.

Staff Nurse Tyson was on leave to UK on 18th September, 1918 & to be retained on completion.

Staff Nurse Tyson was promoted to Sister on 1st October, 1918.

Sister Tyson was attached to 2nd Australian Auxiliary Hospital at Southall for duty on 4th October, 1918 & detached on 19th October, 1918.

Sister Tyson was attached to 2nd Group Clearing Hospital for duty on 18th October, 1918 at Hurdcott, Wiltshire. (date as written in Service Record file).

Sister Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson was admitted to the 1st Australian General Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 20th April, 1919.

Sister Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson died at 8 pm on 20th April, 1919 at the 1st Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny of Cerebral Haemorrhage.

A death for Fanny I. C. Tyson, aged 29, was registered in the June quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

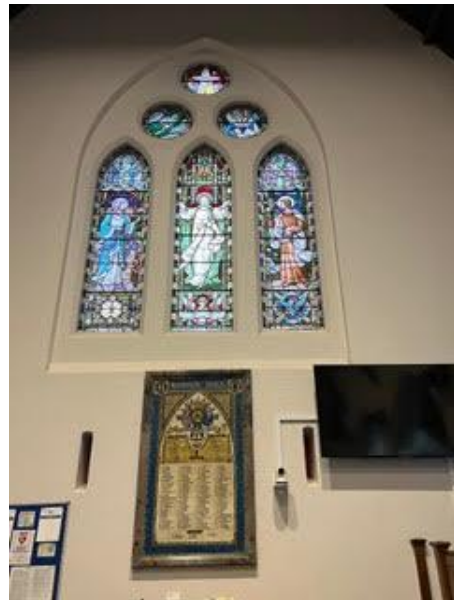
Sister Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson was buried on 23rd April, 1919 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 85. From the burial report of Sister Tyson - *Coffin was Elm with Brass Mounts – Deceased was buried with full Military Honours, the coffin draped with the Australian flag being conveyed to the graveside on a Gun Carriage preceded by a Firing Party from No. 1 Australian Training Brigade Sutton Veny. Six Australians supported the Pall. The "Last Post" was sounded and volleys fired over the grave. A large number of Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men followed the remains and were present at the graveside ceremony. Flowers were sent by "Sister Simpson", "Nursing Staff, 1st A.G.H.", "Matron and Nursing Staff, Military Hospital, Fovant", "Staff and other ranks, 1st A.G.H.", "O.C. and Members Officers' Mess, 1st A.G.H.", "Brig-General R. L. Leane and Staff, No. 4 Group Headquarters", "Comrades and Staff No. 2 Group Clearing Hospital", "Friends at No. 6 Mess". Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral. Also in attendance at the funeral were Sister Tyson's brother (Dvr C. E. Tyson, 3211, 12th Army Bde, A.F.A., A.I.F.) and sister (Sister T. A. Tyson) and (Friend) Mr Fry.*

Sister Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Sister Tyson's father – Mr J. Tyson (Scroll sent August, 1921 & Plaque sent September, 1923).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission Sister Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson of Australian Army Nursing Service as the daughter of John and Teresa Tyson of 18 Blanche St, Elsternwick, Victoria. Born at Balranald, New South Wales.

F. J. Tyson is remembered on the Caulfield Anglican Church Roll of Honour, located below the Stained Glass Window for World War 1, located at 281 Glen Eira Road, Elsternwick, Victoria (now Oaktree Anglican Church).





**Caulfield Anglican Church Roll of Honour**  
*(Photos courtesy of Oaktree Anglican Church)*



Sister F. I. C. Tyson is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 188.

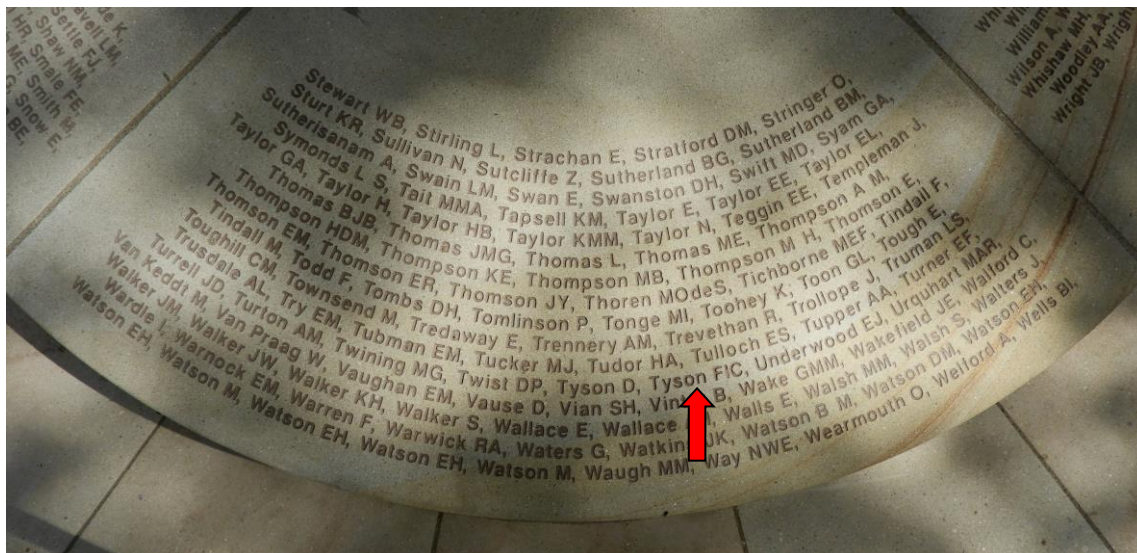


Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

F. I. C. Tyson is remembered on the Memorial to the Nurses and Voluntary Aid Detachment Nurses who died during both World Wars. The Memorial lists almost 1,300 names & is located at the National Memorial Arboretum, Croxwall Road, Alrewas, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England.



**Memorial to the Nurses and Voluntary Aid Detachment Nurses &  
below – base showing names S - W**



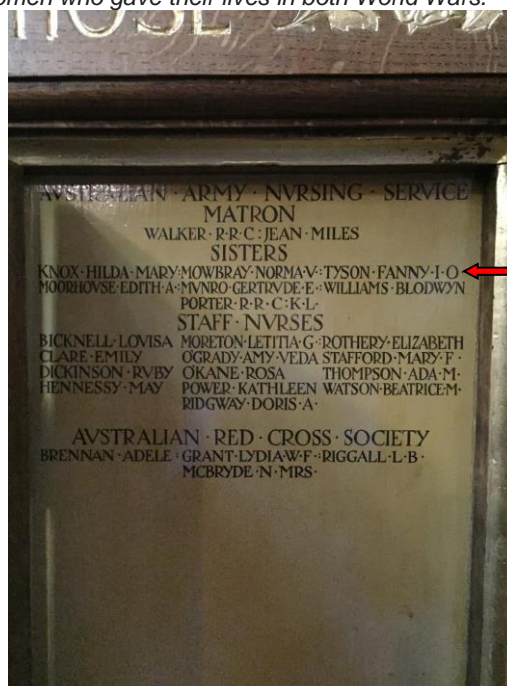
Sister Fanny Tyson is one of the names remembered on a panel on the Roll of Honour Tablet that is beside the Five Sisters Window in York Minster, York, England. The Tablet bears the names of representatives of many associations, services and corps, including Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, Women's Royal Air Force, Women's Land Army, and the Canadian, Newfoundland, Australian, New Zealand and Union of South Africa Army Nursing Services.



### Five Sisters Window in York Minster

The wooden memorial screen (right) is in the North Transept of York Minster. Each door bears the crest of a regiment and written inside are the names of the women who served in that regiment and were killed during the First World War. The doors can be opened by anyone to view the names inside.

The screen also records that the Five Sisters window in York Minster was restored by women in memory of their fallen comrades. The window is now a memorial to the women who gave their lives in both World Wars.



(Photo courtesy of jonrb – Great War forum)

F. I. C. Tyson is also remembered on the newly installed Nurses' Memorial located in Edinburgh's Central Library.

## REMEMBRANCE

### Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service

ARMSTRONG, E Sister  
 ARMSTRONG, ERR Staff Nurse  
 ALLEN, MA Staff Nurse  
 BATES, FM Probationer  
 BEAUFAY, K Matron  
 BENNET, HS Staff Nurse  
 BERESFORD, RR Staff Nurse  
 BERRIE, C Sister  
 BIRD, L E Staff Nurse  
 BLAKE, E Staff Nurse  
 BODE-BLANDY, SR Sister  
 BOLGER, K Staff Nurse  
 BOND, EM Sister  
 BRACE, F Staff Nurse  
 BROWN, EL Sister  
 BUCKINGHAM, MA Matron  
 BUCKLER, AE Staff Nurse  
 BUTLER, SE Sister  
 CALLIER, EFM Sister  
 CHALLINOR, EA Staff Nurse  
 CHANDLER, DM Staff Nurse  
 CLOUGH, M Staff Nurse  
 COLE, EH Sister  
 COMPTON, FD Sister  
 CONSTERDINE, VC Staff Nurse  
 COOKE, EK Staff Nurse  
 COOPER, A Sister  
 CORFIELD, AB Sister  
 CROWTHER, L Sister  
 CROYSDALE, M Sister  
 CRUICKSHANK, I Sister  
 DALTON, JG Sister  
 DANAEHER, M Staff Nurse  
 DAVES, AE Sister  
 DAWSON, EM Matron  
 DEWAR, MS Staff Nurse  
 DOHERTY, MA Sister  
 DONOVAN, B Staff Nurse  
 DUCKERS, ME Staff Nurse  
 DUNGAN, ILM Sister  
 EDGAR, E Staff Nurse  
 ELLIFFE, M Sister  
 EVANS, J Sister  
 FARLEY, M Matron  
 FEARNLEY, E Staff Nurse  
 FERGUSON, R Staff Nurse  
 FOYSTER, EL Sister  
 GARNER, AEC Sister  
 GLADSTONE, EM Sister  
 GLEDHILL, AE Sister  
 GORBUTT, M Sister  
 GRIFFITHS, JL Sister  
 GROVER, AJ Sister  
 GURNEY, ES Staff Nurse  
 HALL, JM Matron  
 HANNAFORD, ID Staff Nurse  
 HARRISON, WM Sister  
 HAWLEY, F Staff Nurse  
 HAWLEY, N Probationer  
 HENRY, CE Staff Nurse  
 HETTERLEY, H Staff Nurse  
 HILLING, S Sister  
 HOBBS, N Sister  
 HOCKEY, JO Sister

HODGSON, EM Sister  
 HOOK, FML Assistant Nurse  
 HUGHES, GC Staff Nurse  
 JACK, C Sister  
 JOHNSON, AM Sister  
 JOHNSTON, MJ Staff Nurse  
 JONES, BI Staff Nurse  
 JONES, GE Chief Matron  
 JONES, LH Sister  
 KEARNEY, IM Sister  
 KEMP, CMF Staff Nurse  
 KENDALL, RE Sister  
 LEA, HL Staff Nurse  
 MACBETH, MA Staff Nurse  
 MACGILL, MM Matron  
 MACKENZIE, I Sister  
 MANN, AG Staff Nurse  
 MARMION, M Staff Nurse  
 MARSHALL, MB Staff Nurse  
 MASON, F Staff Nurse  
 MCALISTER, C Staff Nurse  
 MCGIBBON, RA Sister  
 MCROBBIE, JE Sister  
 MEIKLE, C Sister  
 MILNE, H Sister  
 MORETON, A Sister  
 NICOL, C Sister  
 O'BRIEN, M Sister  
 OXLEY, EM Sister  
 PARKER, EK Matron  
 PARTRIDGE, CH Staff Nurse  
 PEARSE, PA Sister  
 PEPPER, ED Sister  
 PHILLIPS, J Sister  
 PILLING, DE Probationer  
 RADCLIFFE, EB Sister  
 REID, AC Staff Nurse  
 RITCHIE, J Staff Nurse  
 ROBERTS, AL Sister  
 ROBERTS, E Staff Nurse  
 ROBERTS, J Staff Nurse  
 ROBERTS, HD Staff Nurse  
 ROBINETTE, CA Sister  
 ROBINS, MJ Sister  
 RODWELL, M Staff Nurse  
 RUSSELL, AM Staff Nurse  
 SAW, N Staff Nurse  
 SEYMOUR, CE Probationer  
 SHORE, FN Sister  
 SMITH, FE Staff Nurse  
 SMITH, JB Sister  
 SMITH, SM Staff Nurse  
 SPINDLER, N Staff Nurse  
 STACEY, DL Staff Nurse  
 STALKER, MB Sister  
 STEPHENSON, GA Sister  
 STEVENS, LM Staff Nurse  
 STEWART, EG Staff Nurse  
 STURT, KR Staff Nurse  
 TEGGIN, EE Staff Nurse  
 IRWIN, WH Staff Nurse  
 THOMAS, L Sister  
 THOMSON, ER Sister  
 TINDALL, F Staff Nurse  
 TOWNSEND, M Staff Nurse  
 TULLOCH, ES Sister  
 TURTON, AM Staff Nurse  
 WALLACE, L Staff Nurse

# WORLD WAR ONE

Dedicated to the memory of the Scottish, Irish, Welsh, English and Dominion Forces' nurses who lost their lives as a direct consequence of their war service.

## DEATH SHALL NOT SILENCE THEIR STORY



### Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service

AINSWORTH, GG Sister  
 BEARD, EG Sister  
 CHAMBERLAIN, LC Sister  
 EDWARDS, CM Sister  
 ELVENS, EM Sister  
 GRISSON, ME Sister  
 PREVOST, AM Sister  
 ROBINS, MJ Sister  
 ROWLETT, OK Sister  
 WILSON, A Sister

### Territorial Force Nursing Service

ANDREW, E Sister  
 ASTELL, FE Sister  
 BLACKLOCK, AM Sister  
 BLENCOWE, ME Sister  
 BRETT, NV Staff Nurse  
 BRINTON, MG Staff Nurse  
 CAMMACK, AG Staff Nurse  
 CARLEY, B Sister  
 CLIMIE, AM Staff Nurse  
 COLE, DH Staff Nurse  
 COX, MA Staff Nurse  
 ELLIOTT, E Sister  
 ELLIOTT, LM Sister  
 FLINTOFF, M Sister  
 FORBES, BG Staff Nurse  
 GARLICK, HM Staff Nurse  
 GOLDSMITH, AAV Staff Nurse  
 GREATOREX, JM Sister  
 GRIFFIN, L Sister  
 HASTINGS, HM Sister  
 HENSHAW, I Sister  
 HILLS, ME Sister  
 HOWARD, FG Staff Nurse  
 HUMPHREY, EM Sister  
 IRWIN, WH Staff Nurse  
 JAMIESON, JS Staff Nurse  
 JINKS, M Sister  
 KEMP, EM Sister  
 KERR, MT Staff Nurse  
 LANCASTER, AH Staff Nurse  
 MACKINNON, M Staff Nurse

MCCOMBIE, C Nurse  
 MARK, HD Probationer  
 MARLEY, GM Staff Nurse  
 MARNOCHE, MB Sister  
 MELDRUM, I Sister  
 MILNE, JL Sister  
 MURRAY, M Sister  
 NODDER, RM Sister  
 O'GORMAN, JJ Sister  
 PATERSON, EM Staff Nurse  
 ROBINSON, E Sister  
 ROWLANDS, HM Staff Nurse  
 SAXON, E Sister  
 SIMPSON, E Sister  
 SMITH, C Staff Nurse  
 SMITHS, EL Staff Nurse  
 STANLEY, A Staff Nurse  
 STEWART, WB Staff Nurse  
 SWAIN, LM Staff Nurse  
 THOMPSON, MB Staff Nurse  
 TREVETHAN, R Staff Nurse  
 VINTER, B Sister  
 WAKEFIELD, JE Staff Nurse  
 WHEATLEY, A Sister  
 WILLIS, FA Sister  
 WILLS, ME Staff Nurse  
 WOODLEY, AA Sister

### Joint War Commission British Red Cross Society and St John's Ambulance Brigade Voluntary Aid Detachment

ARNOLD, MT Nurse  
 BAILEY, W Staff Nurse  
 BAIN, AV Sister  
 BALL, C Sister  
 BARKER, EF Nurse  
 BARON, MA Nurse  
 BARRETT, SV Nurse  
 BATES, ME Sister

BOLTON, GE Nurse  
 BOUSFIELD, MC Nurse  
 BOWSER, IT Sister  
 BROWN, WM Sister  
 BYTHEWAY, G Sister  
 CHADWICK, ME Nurse  
 CHADWICK, H Nurse  
 CHAPMAN, MD Nurse  
 COLES, DKM Nurse  
 CONSTERDINE, VC Staff Nurse  
 CRAGGS, MO Nurse  
 CREWDSON, DML Nurse  
 DICKSON, MC Nurse  
 DUNCANSON, UM Nurse  
 FAITHFULL, FM Nurse  
 FRASER, MN Nurse  
 HACKETT, VCH Nurse  
 HALLAM, AV Sister  
 HARDING, IL Nurse  
 HARTMAN, J Nurse  
 HERIOT, J Sister  
 HOGG, F Nurse  
 HORRELL, DM Nurse  
 INGRAM, E Nurse  
 JONES, LK Nurse  
 KINNEAR, KF Nurse  
 LAMBARDE, BA Nurse  
 LANGDALE, MA Nurse  
 LEE, JS Nurse  
 LEVER, Lady BH Nurse  
 LIDDELL, L Nurse  
 LLEWELLYN, GV Nurse  
 MALTYBY, PM Nurse  
 MALUNSELL, MJ Nurse  
 MIDWOOD, L Nurse  
 PALMIERI, AE Nurse  
 PARROTT, AMA Sister  
 POPE, CML Sister  
 POWERS-PEEL, A Nurse  
 RICHARDS, E Nurse  
 ROSKELL, GL Nurse  
 RYLE, MC Nurse  
 SAMUELSON, Lady LM Nurse  
 SMALES, FE Nurse  
 SMYTH, PJ Nurse  
 TAYLOR, HB Nurse  
 THOMSON, E Nurse  
 WARNOCK, EM Nurse  
 WILLIAMS, J Nurse  
 YOUNG, AE Nurse  
 YOUNG, MAE Nurse  
 YOUNG, MC Nurse

JORDAN, L Sister  
 MINSHULL, A M Sister  
 SUTHERLAND, B G Sister  
 TOUGHILL, C M Sister

### Scottish Women's Hospital

EARL, AK Sister  
 GRAY, M Sister

## CUIMHNEACHAN

### Australian Army Nursing Service

BICKNELL, LA Staff Nurse  
 BRENNAN, KA Nurse  
 CLARE, E Nurse  
 DICKINSON, R Nurse  
 GLADSTONE, EM Sister  
 GREYAR, GA Sister  
 HENNESSY, M Staff Nurse  
 KNOX, HM Nurse  
 MCPHAIL, I Staff Nurse  
 MOORHOUSE, EA Nurse  
 MORETON, LG Sister  
 CONSTERDINE, VC Staff Nurse  
 MURRO, GE Sister  
 O'GRADY, AV Sister  
 O'KANE, R Sister  
 PORTER, KAL Sister  
 POWER, K Sister  
 RIDGWAY, DA Staff Nurse  
 ROTHERY, E Staff Nurse  
 STAFFORD, MF Staff Nurse  
 THOMPSON, AM Sister  
 TYSON, JIC Matron  
 WALKER, JM Staff Nurse  
 WATSON, BM Staff Nurse  
 WILLIAMS, BE Sister

### Canadian Army Medical Corps

ALPAUGH, AE Sister  
 BAKER, ME Sister  
 LEVY, JS Nurse  
 BALDWIN, DMY Nurse  
 BOLTON, GE Nurse  
 CAMPBELL, C Sister  
 CHAMPAGNE, E Nurse  
 CLUMMING, JK Nurse  
 DAGG, AS Nurse  
 DAVIS, LA Nurse  
 DONALDSON, G Sister  
 DOUGLAS, CJ Sister  
 DUSSAULT, A Nurse  
 FOLLETTE, MA Nurse  
 FORNERI, A Nurse  
 FORTESCUE, MJ Nurse  
 FRASER, MM Nurse  
 FREDERICKSON, C Nurse  
 GALLAHER, MK Nurse  
 GARBUTT, SE Nurse  
 GRANT, GP Nurse  
 GREEN, ME Nurse  
 HENNAN, VB Nurse  
 HUNT, M Nurse  
 JAGGARD, JB Matron  
 JARVIS, JA Sister  
 JENNER, LM Sister  
 KEALY, IL Sister  
 KING, JN Sister  
 LOWE, M Sister  
 MACDONALD, KMM Sister

### British Red Cross Society and St John's Ambulance Brigade

FRASER, MM Nurse  
 GALLAHER, MK Nurse  
 GARBUTT, SE Nurse  
 GRANT, GP Nurse  
 GREEN, ME Nurse  
 HENNAN, VB Nurse  
 HUNT, M Nurse  
 JAGGARD, JB Matron  
 JARVIS, JA Sister  
 JENNER, LM Sister  
 KEALY, IL Sister  
 KING, JN Sister  
 LOWE, M Sister  
 MACDONALD, KMM Sister

### New Zealand Army Nursing Service

BROWN, HS Staff Nurse  
 CLARK, I Staff Nurse  
 FOX, CA Staff Nurse  
 GORMAN, M Staff Nurse  
 HAWKEN, AG Staff Nurse  
 HILDYARD, NM Staff Nurse  
 ISDELL, HK Staff Nurse  
 JAMIESON, ME Staff Nurse  
 LUMLEY, C Nurse  
 RAE, MH Staff Nurse  
 RATTRAY, LA Staff Nurse  
 ROGERS, M Staff Nurse  
 THOMPSON, MH Staff Nurse  
 TUBMAN, EM Staff Nurse  
 WHISHAW, MH Sister

### Nyasaland Nursing Service

SALVATOR, M Sister

### South African Military Nursing Service

BAKER, EA Staff Nurse  
 BEAUFORT, K Nurse  
 BERNSTEIN, D Staff Nurse  
 BETTLE, HM Sister  
 DUNN, GE Staff Nurse  
 EDMEADES, CA Sister  
 FITZHENRY, DA Sister  
 FLANAGAN, MC Probationer  
 HEARNIS, B Staff Nurse  
 MURRO, AW Staff Nurse  
 WARDLE, I Staff Nurse  
 WATKINS, JK Staff Nurse

### Russian Red Cross

RYLE, MC Sister

(60 pages of Sister Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives.



**Fanny Tyson**

*Family photo believed to be taken when she had just finished her training in Victoria.*

*(Both photos courtesy of Bernadette Mary Tyson Peck)*







(Photograph - *Table Talk* Thursday 17 June 1915 page 3)



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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**HELIOPOLIS, EGYPT, 1915.  
GROUP PORTRAIT OF THE STAFF OF NO. 1 AUXILIARY HOSPITAL,  
1ST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL, HELIOPOLIS.**

BACK ROW: SISTERS Cook, Scott, Steele.

2ND ROW: SISTERS Elizabeth Cleland; Nicholson, STAFF NURSE (SN) Katherine Lawrence Porter, Dement, Fitz-Gibbin, Baxter, Hayes, Hunter, McClelland, Grewar, Dogherty, McLean.

3RD ROW: SISTERS Greenaway, Whiteman, Ellis, SN Eleanor Dagma Gjedsted, Reid, Collopy, Davies, King, Rose, Doepke, Howard, McDonald, Walsh, Guthrie.

4TH ROW: SISTERS Jane Grizelda Gerrand, Jacobson, Mackay, Instone, Gallin, Brown, White, Rodgers, Hodgson, Huxley, Bowman.

5TH ROW: CAPTAIN Cook, SISTER Imlay, CAPTAIN Clowes, SISTER Langford, MAJOR Brown (SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER), MISS Graham (MATRON), CAPTAIN Graig, SISTER Cornwall, CAPTAIN Gray.

FRONT ROW: SISTERS Lightbody, Verey, MISS Ibrahim (RED CROSS), SISTERS Robinson, Robson, Draper, **Tyson**, Stafford, Avenell. (DONOR E.Leitch)



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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*From AWM - Australian nurses taking tea in their quarters at the 2nd Australian Casualty Clearing Station, near Steenwerck. (Photo taken 30 November, 1917)*

*Left to right: Sister Mildred Crocker-Brown; **Sister (Topsy) Tyson**; Sister Homan (centre background); Sister Louisa Stobo (centre foreground); Sister Steward (standing); Sister Shepherd.*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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*Patients and staff of Ward No. 7, No. 2 Group Clearing Hospital, at the AIF camp, Hurdcott.  
Nurse Tyson on left. Photo taken 16th April, 1919.*

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## **Newspaper Reports**

### **A SOLDIER'S LETTER**

Sergeant Jack O'Connor, writing to his parents from 1st Southern General Hospital, Birmingham, England, says — I have received my issue, but not too bad. For a long time I had been thinking of the old saying, 'Play with the cat long enough and it will scratch you,' and seemed inclined to think it incorrect as for over two years I've been playing with the cat but it scratched. We were on the Ypres front.....got me in both legs and the sole of my right foot.

.....Won't be able to walk for a while. I hope it won't interfere with me in after life. I've only doubts about one. Bed is not a place I was cut out for, though I could always do my time between the blankets. It is rotten having to lie here all day with very little to do. I received my first dope at the C.C.S., and the second at the First Australian General Hospital, Rouen. I wasn't too good before or after the dope. My legs were sore all that night. At Rouen I reckon I was lucky in getting into an Australian hospital. Sister Tyson was in charge of the ward. She knew the back country better than I did, having lived for some time at Junanbung station. This has knocked out my trip to Paris, but I will have furlough over there. Our advance had just commenced when I was knocked, needless to say, ere you have read it.....

*(Kerang Observer, Victoria – Wednesday 9 January, 1918)*

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### **DIED ON SERVICE**

TYSON – On Easter Sunday, at Hurdcott Camp, Salisbury, England, Sister J. I. Tyson (Topsy) third beloved daughter of John Tyson, Blanche Street, Elsternwick.

*(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – Thursday 24 April, 1919)*

## PERSONAL

Cable advices have been received of the death of Sister J. I. Tyson, at Hurdcott Camp, Salisbury, England on Easter Sunday, says the 'Riverina Grazier.' Sister Tyson, who had been on active service for some considerable time, was a daughter of Mr John Tyson, of Elsternwick, and a sister of Sister Tyson, of the Hay Hospital staff.

(*Daily Advertiser*, Wagga Wagga, NSW – Friday 2 May, 1919)

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## NURSES' MEMORIAL

### LONDON APPEAL

Twenty-four members of the Australian nursing service either died or were killed on active service during the war. Their names are included in a list of Dominion nurses who made the supreme sacrifice, forwarded by the Committee of the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital Extension Fund in London to the Premier. The extension is to be a memorial to those women of the Dominions.

The committee suggests that if 10,000 hostesses in the Empire give a gift tea party—a dance, bridge, whist, or competition tea—to a few friends, asking them to do the same, a large proportion of the sum required to complete the extension of the hospital would be found.

The Australian nurses whose names are on the list are:- Matron J. M. Walker, R.R.C; Sisters H. M. Knox, E. A. Moorhouse, N.V. Mowbray, G. E. Munro, K. L. Porter, **F. I. C. Tyson**, B. Williams; Staff Nurses L. A. Bicknell, E. Clare, R. Dickinson, M. Hennesey, L. G. Moreton, A. V. O'Grady, R. O'Kane, K. Power, D. A. Ridgway, E. Rothery, A. M. Thompson, M. F. Stafford, B. M. Watson; and Voluntary Workers A. Brennan, Rignall, L.B., and L. Grant.

On the same list are the names of 60 Canadian women, 15 New Zealanders, four South Africans, one woman from India and three members of the overseas nursing association.

(*The Queenslander*, Brisbane, Qld – Saturday 9 May, 1925)

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## MEMORIAL SERVICE

### EMPIRE ARMY SISTERS

The women of Melbourne yesterday paid a tribute to the memory of the women of the Empire who laid down their lives in the great war at a service held in St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday. This service was arranged to coincide with the service at which the Duchess of York would unveil after restoration the Five Sisters Window in York Minster. A roll of honor tablet has been placed beside the window bearing the names of representatives of many associations, services and corps, including Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, Women's Royal Air Force, Women's Land Army, and the Canadian, Newfoundland, Australian, New Zealand and Union of South Africa Army Nursing Services. A panel of the tablet contains the following names of the Australian Army Nursing Service, Australian Imperial Forces: — Matron Jean Walker., R.R.C.; Sister Hilda Knox, Sister Edith Moorhouse, Sister Norma Mowbray, Sister Gertrude Munro, Sister Kathleen Porter, R.R.C; **Sister Fanny Tyson**, Sister Blodwyn Williams, Staff Nurse Louisa N. Bicknell, Staff Nurse Emily Clare, Staff Nurse Ruby Dickinson, Staff Nurse May Hennesey, Staff Nurse Letitia Moreton, Staff Nurse Amy O'Grady, Staff Nurse Rosa O'Kane. Staff Nurse Kathleen Power, Staff Nurse Doris Ridgway, Staff Nurse Elizabeth Rothery, Staff Nurse Mary Stafford, Staff Nurse Ada Thompson, Staff Nurse Beatrice Watson; Miss Adele Brennan, Miss Lydia Grant, Miss L. B. Riggall, V.A.D.'s.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – Thursday 25 June, 1925)

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### Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone at St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

*(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)*

Mr John Tyson, father of late Sister Fanny Tyson, wrote a letter to Base Records dated 24th September, 1921 stating that *"I am pleased to say a suitable headstone has been erected by her Sister & Brother & kind friends & comrades of the A.I.F. who were present at the time of her death."*

Sister Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson does not have a personal inscription on her CWGC headstone.

### **St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire**

During the two world wars, the United Kingdom became an island fortress used for training troops and launching land, sea and air operations around the globe. There are more than 170,000 Commonwealth war graves in the United Kingdom, many being those of servicemen and women killed on active service, or who later succumbed to wounds. Others died in training accidents, or because of sickness or disease. The graves, many of them privately owned and marked by private memorials, will be found in more than 12,000 cemeteries and churchyards. The 26th Division was concentrated at Sutton Veny in April 1915 and No 1 Australian Command was there from the end of 1916 to October 1919. There was also a hutted military hospital of more than 1200 beds at Sutton Veny for much of the war and No 1 Australian General Hospital was stationed there after the Armistice. Sutton Veny (St John) Churchyard contains 168 First World War burials, 167 of them in a plot at the north west corner of the church. Of these, 143 are Australian. There is only one Second World War burial in the churchyard.

*(Information from CWGC)*



**War Graves at Sutton Veny** *(Photos from CWGC)*

Photo of Sister F. I. C. Tyson's Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England.



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